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Forget It, Alfie

Dear Ann Landers: I met an attractive woman three months ago. (She was waiting for a bus.) We have been going out regularly, once a week, and I enjoy her company. Yvonne is divorced and has two children which the judge awarded to her husband. She is not allowed to see them, which I find very hard to understand. According to her, the judge gave her a rotten deal.

Some small things about Yvonne bother me and I'd like your views. She refuses to give me her phone number; says she lives in a boarding house where the people are very nosy. She won't let me pick her up at home, and I have never been allowed to see her to the door. Her self-imposed "curfew" is 10 p.m. (She says she had TB years ago and must have a lot of rest.)

I have never met any of her friends or relatives and she will not tell me where she works—says it is "confidential" for the government. What do you make of this?—ALFIE

Dear Alfie: A lady who can't be picked up or taken home, refuses to tell you where she works, won't give you her phone number and has to be in by 10 p.m. is hiding something—like maybe a husband. My advice is to knock off this spooky arrangement.

I hope you make a better selection next time, Alfie, and your chances will be vastly improved if you don't go in for bus stop pickups.

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this for all the stupid girls in the world who are seeing men who are separated but not divorced. Maybe if I had seen a letter like it three years ago I wouldn't be so full of nerve medicine that I can barely write this letter.

In 1965 I fell hard for a man who said I was his dream girl. He and his wife were not getting along and a divorce was in the works. I let him move in with the understanding that we would be married as soon as his divorce came through. A few months later when his divorce was final he said he wasn't ready to "give up his freedom yet."

Three years have passed and he still isn't ready. He is out four nights a week and I pace the floor smoking and crying. I am 26 years old and broke—I pay most of the bills. My reputation is ruined and my health shot. I know now he will never marry me but I still love him in spite of everything. If you care to add something to my letter that might help others, please do so. It's too late to help me.—DESTROYED AT 26

Dear D: I have nothing to add. You've said it all.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for nearly 12 years. We never had any children but we have several nieces and nephews.

The nieces are crazy about Ralph and they come over often. Three of these girls are teenagers. They hop on Uncle Ralph's lap, dance with him and sit close to him on the bench when he plays ragtime jazz on the piano. He loves every minute of it.

One of the nieces announced yesterday, "I'm going to marry a man just like Uncle Ralph." I think such talk is indecent. I told Ralph to cut out the nonsense and that I am sick of seeing him act like a fool. What do you have to say on the subject?—DON'T NEED TROUBLE

Dear Don't: I see nothing indecent about young girls being friendly and affectionate with their uncle—especially in a group. If this is an example of the way your mind works, you'd better stay away from your nephews.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' booklet, "Teenage Sex—Ten Ways To Cool It." Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Family 'Y' Camps Lure Vacationers

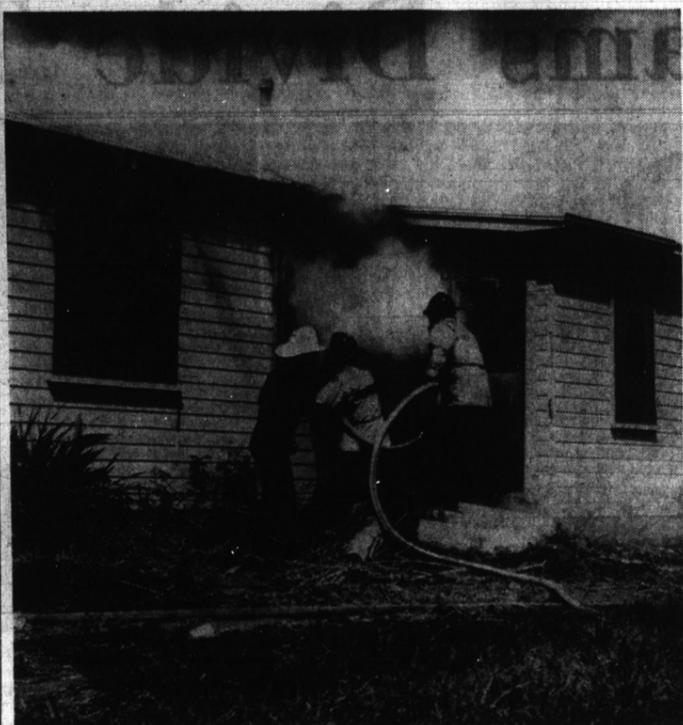
California mountains, lakes, and forests will become the playground of Torrance area vacationers this summer as the Torrance YMCA prepares to sponsor 25 separate camping ventures. The schedule includes something for every member of the family.

Three resident camps for girls 9 to 12 are planned for Aug. 3-10; Aug. 10-17; and Aug. 12-18. Boys resident camps for youngsters 9 to 12 are scheduled for June 22-29; Aug. 3-10; Aug. 10-17; and Aug. 17-24.

Girls caravan camps for those 12 and older are scheduled for June 15-22; June 25-July 7; Aug. 17-24. Caravan camps for boys 12

and up are planned for July 13-20; Aug. 3-11; Aug. 17-24; Aug. 26-Sept. 6; and June 22-30. Coed camps for high school students are listed for Aug. 12-19 and Sept. 9-13. The whole family is invited to participate in Y camps scheduled for July 13-20; July 15-18; Aug. 6-16; and Sept. 14-15. A remedial reading camp will be held June 16-July 29. Camp fees range from nothing (for the family camper trip) to \$58 per person.

Further information about camp sites and costs may be obtained by contacting the Torrance Family YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.



FIREMEN TRAIN . . . Two new Torrance firefighters are pictured in action during a training exercise in the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project area. Working under the direction of Battalion Chief John Agipito (at left) are Dick Neprud and Bryant Griffiths. Arnold Arbouin also is undergoing training in preparation for duty with the Torrance Fire Department.

Police Week Events Planned in County

Police Week, a national event proclaimed annually by the President of the United States, will be marked throughout Los Angeles County by special events May 12 through 18, the Law Enforcement and Community (LECR) of Los Angeles County announced today.

Jack Webb, familiar to millions as Sgt. Joe Friday of the "Dragnet" series, will serve as honorary Police Week chairman here, added William B. Bordeaux of Torrance, LECRA coordinator.

For the first time in the county's history, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the mayors of all 77 cities have collectively signed a document proclaiming the period May 12 through 18 as Police Week.

THE DOCUMENT is being cast into a 4-foot-square metal plaque, to be presented to the Sheriff's Department for its countywide role.

In behalf of sheriff and police departments throughout the county, supervisors and mayors respectively will soon be releasing details of Police Week observances in their jurisdictions. Open houses will be a feature.

Countywide observances will include: • Appearances with local law enforcement officers of two English "Bobbies" flown from London for local interviews. • The second annual Police Week Recognition Dinner in the Hollywood Palladium May 15, expected to attract 2,500 guests.

The program will be open to the public. Tickets can be obtained by telephoning LECRA. MAY 23 also has been designated by the President and Congress as Peace Officers Memorial Day and LECRA has called upon all citizens of Los Angeles County to observe it in honor of officers, who, through their courageous deeds, lost their lives or became disabled in the performance of their duty.

The Law Enforcement and Community Recognition Association of Los Angeles County is a public service non-profit corporation established to promote Police Week.

Teenage Flying Ace Solos to GOP Meet

An 18-year-old Torrance aviatix, Judy Mattax, will pilot a plane to Washington, D. C., Monday to serve as a page for the 1968 Spring Conference of the Federation of Republican Women's Clubs.

Judy's mother, Mrs. Tilden Mattox, is a board member of the Southern California Division of the organization. The young Amelia Earhart began her flying lessons at the age of 15. By the time she was 16, she was soloing, and at 17, received her pilot's license, having logged more than twice the required hours.

At 18, Judy earned her commercial pilot's license. On her 19th birthday, Judy hopes to duplicate a Charles Lindbergh feat by flying solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She is currently the youngest flight instructor in California.

EXAMINE PROGRAM . . . Captain Monroe Hubbell, information officer from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., discusses a tentative academy program with Wayne (Skip) Hogue, a West High senior. Hogue has received an appointment to the academy from the Secretary of the Navy and will report June 29 for an orientation program.

British Move Closer To Civilizing Divorce

The British are taking giant steps towards "civilizing divorce." And what a large step it is indeed.

What they aim to accomplish is that any couple tired of each other can practically slap their hands in joy and say, "Get lost!" No strings, no prolonged court hearings, no "hired witnesses."

If, for example, a couple can prove that their marriage has irretrievably broken down and neither partner objects to the divorce, it will automatically

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be granted. They intend to call this "granting divorce through consent."

Such an intelligent approach to divorce would make it no longer necessary (as it is in this country) that a wife get on a witness stand, sniff through a clean white handkerchief and sob. "My husband caused me great mental anguish."

This then is followed by throwing great shovels full of dirt to prove her points of anguish, most of them made up to satisfy a silly law which the courts as well as the participants recognize as a disgusting farce.

The chances of the new bill becoming law in Britain are fairly good, because there are four plans or ways in which "honest" divorces may be granted:

Separation for more than five years would be sufficient for an automatic divorce.

So would any indication that a wife or husband could not stand his or her spouse sexually.

The third would be granted if a wife found out from her best friend that her husband was playing more than footsie with some

other woman and just couldn't stand the thought of living with him anymore. Naturally, the husband has the same prerogative.

The fourth excuse to split a marriage would be the simple desertion "out" for more than two years. This all seems like a much more practical way to handle divorce proceedings and, in fact, should lessen the number of divorce requests rather than increase them.

It is unfortunate that, as in this country, once the couple gets into a court room and starts slinging the mud publicly, the ball has started rolling to fast to stop it. To be able to sit down and calmly say, "I think we've had it, let's both sign this paper," gives each a chance privately to discuss the matter further and possibly stave off the divorce.

However, the bill still doesn't get my wholehearted approval. It makes no provision for also doing away with alimony and child support.

If more wives and mothers recognized the fact that they weren't going to get monthly payments for services they no longer render, there would be fewer so anxious to call it quits.

Alimony should never be paid through force. It should be purely on a voluntary basis, because you'll always find a husband or two quite happy to "pay off" rather than have to face the same music — sour mostly — every night.

As for child support, the father, who is the more natural parent, should always be given custody of any children, Whether He Wants Them Or Not.

Now that kind of a divorce bill even I would approve.

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page 2-B)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

City Plans Open House At Library

The opening of the first Torrance municipal library will be celebrated today, Sunday, at the newly-opened branch, Isabel Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Ave. The public is invited to the 2 p.m. open house.

The Henderson branch is the first of the five county libraries to be taken over by the new Torrance Municipal Library System.

The Imperials, a dance band, will provide music.

Study Tour

Melva D. Snowden, 1614 Speyer Lane, Redondo Beach, is among 12 USC students chosen to participate in the Summer Course for Foreign Students at England's Cambridge University July 10 through Aug. 7.